

Remarks

Claims 17-30, 47-59, and 61 were rejected as unpatentable over JEYARAMAN 6,377,957 in view of BENSON et al. 6,202,085. The independent claims have been amended and affected dependent claims have been amended into conformance or canceled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

New claims 62-63 have been added that are sufficiently clear and avoid the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

The amended and new claims include managing an update of the structured document using an updated minimum element of the structured document that is marked with a transfer object flag that is provided at the top node of the element to be transferred (page 30, lines 12-13) and update time information (TE-TE4).

By means of the transfer object flag at the top of the node of the element to be transferred, when a node that part of the document is updated, only an element that is a part containing the updated node is transmitted instead of the whole document. As a result, the amount of data transferred and the time needed to make the transfer and the load on the network are reduced (page 31, line 23 through page 32, line 2). Neither JEYARAMAN nor BENSON et al. discloses this transfer object flag provided at the top of the node as claimed in the amended claims, and thus the amended claims avoid the rejection under §103.

The references also do not disclose or suggest the update time information as in the amended claims. Thus, the amended claims further avoid the rejection under §103.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee of \$420 for two extra independent claims added herewith to our credit card set forth in the attached Credit Card Payment Form.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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